

Jhe Rocket


MISSFIORENCEE.SPADY

Whose patience, oncouragoment, and intorest havo holped make our high school days happy

WE
tho Sonior Class of 1946
affectionately dedicate this annual.



## THE HONOR COUNCIL

The Honor System of Cape Charles High School is finishing its twenty-fourth year of work in our school. As in former years it has a council composed of students and faculty.
The students and faculty members of the council for 1945-46 are:

Senior represontatives------Jean Tankard Billy Bundick
Junior representatives---.-Mary Ellon Spencor Clarence Moore
Sophomora representatives---Sally Vaughn Goorge Andy Dickinson
Freshmen representatives----Thurley Travis Tommy Kollam
Faculty representativos----Mr. Lawson
Mr , Waddell
Miss Amos
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Miss Spady
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Mrs. Smith


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## HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 146

The class of $: 46$, composed of twenty two people, started their first year of school with Miss Rebecca Scott as teacher. The class, gliding through grammar grades, losing and picking up people, was at the end of the sixth year ready to enter the seventh grade with Mrs. Willis as teacher. That year Mrs. Willis died and the class truly mourns her death.

Then it was time for the class of 46 to run up the stairs to High School! After electing Jean Tankard, President; Shepp Ames, Vice-President; Ruth Filen Mears, Secretary-Treasurer; and Jane Dickinson and Tommy Long, Honor Council Répresontatives with the help of Miss Porterfield, we forty-three people eagerly tasted High School life. Soon we were looking forward to the FreshmanSophmore picnic, but, alas, becauso of the war it was canceled Recovering, we gladly gave our money to the fund for Mrs. Willis's plaque.

Everyone at the beginning of the sophroore yoar started to call us wise-morons. With the aid of Mrs. Wilkins Wé elected Jane Dickinson. Presm ident; Tommy Long, Vice-Presidont; Jessio Wilkins, Secretary-Treasurer; and Jennings Travis and Bootsie Kellan, Honor Council Representatives. Excitoment! The Freshman-Sophriore Pionic. The classes went to the Little Sand Hills where a roaring time was had by all, much thanks to the class of 147 .

The next to the last rung of High School-Juniors! The class, with the assistance of Mrs. Smith, elected Jane Dickinson, President; Jean Tankard, Sceretary-Treasurer; and Billy Bundick, and Jessie Wilkins, Honor Council Representatives. First tem exams were over and we industriously prepared for a bigger and better Juniou-Senior Banquet was held at the Presbyterian Church Social

Hall after the Senior Class Play where everyone en joyed a wonderful evening.

At last we eighteen have become Seniors. Under the auspices of Miss Spady, the election of officers was as follows: Jane DickinsonPresident, Billy Bundick-Vice President, Bootsie Kellam-Secretary, Tommy Long-Treasurer, and Billy Bundick, Jean Tankard-Honor Council Representatives.

The class organized a staff for "The Rocket" the first annual of this school since 1930. Orders were sent for rings, name cards, and invitations. Preparations were made for the Senior Class Play, "A Case of Springtime". The Seniors excitingly received their rings. Now we are looking forward to the Banquet, Dance, Baccalaureate and Commencement programs.

The class mourns the death of Stanley Etz, Beverly Lymnam, schoolmates, and Mrs. Willis, teacher, who have passed on during our school years.

The class of 147 knows that "To whom much is given, of him much shall be required," and now as we forever leave the portals of Cape Charles High School we pledge always to abide by her ideals and traditions.

## "CIASS PROPHECY"

Iet us gaze into the crystal ball and see the plans in store for the "Class of 1946" in the future.

Ah, excitement prevails! The news boys are calling nextra, extra, read all about it--Woman chemist discovers new cure for infantile paralysis. Wait, let me see who this wonderful person is. Why, it is Jane Dickinson, the brilliant-minded student of chemistry class.

Hark, what is that music we're hearing? It's the Wedding March. Let's see who is being married. Well, bless my soul, if it isn't Marian Adkins and Julian Hernandez. It seems that they carried on their high school crusk. The minister performing the ceremony is Reverend J. B. Travis.

The scene is changing. I can't see for the moment because the bright lightis are in my eyes. Ah, now I can see the sigh moro clearly. It is Billy Bundick starring in "Life with Pathor". He was one of the very active mombers of the Dramatic Club.

Now we come to a partly built skyscraper in New York. We go down to tho bottom and see Tommy McGrath and George "Snookie" Bowden directing the work. With them stand Pat Mausteller who is going to holp with the interior part of the building. She's doing well for horsclf lately. She already has four interior decoration buildings on her rising chain.

Near the skyscraper we see a large hospital. Let's take a look inside and sce who the nurses are. As we walk down the long corridor we pass the Super intendent's office. What? It is Bootsic Kellam's namc written on the door. If we listen closely wo cam hear hor tell tho nurses what to do.

She has really gone through with her plans. Further down the hall we pass the X-Ray Technician's office. The door is partly open and when we glance in we see Mary Jane Applebaugh hard at work. It seems she has decided to see what makes us tick.

As we pass the child's nursey we hear the cries of small children. Now it is silent and we look in and see Jessie Penny Wilkins reading a nursey rhyme to them. She is really coming up in this world. Only a few more years at this hospital and she will be a full-fledged baby doctor. We wish her luck.

We're nearing the LaGuardia Air Field now and two pilots have just stepped out of their planes. Well, what do you know if it isn't Johnny Mercer and Tommy Long. They have become famous in the last fev years. I can remember when Tommy made his solo. That cortainly was an oxciting day.

A bookshop comes into the scene. As we look closer we can see a best seller being advertised. The title is "How to be a Good Housewife", and the author is Esther. Hanby, better known as Mrs. Odell Wood.

We find ourselves in a court room and a familiax voice is heard pleading for the lifc of an innocent. man. Ah, he is turning our way: It is George Wilkins. If he wins this case, it will be ancther one to add to his long list of victories.

Oh, what a beautiful picture. Many people have come from far off just to glance at this famous sunset. We look down in tho right hand corner of the picture and see that tho artist is Betty Ames. I think her visit to Faris gave her drawing ability a good last touch.

Ah, here is another building in sight. It's a boarding house for bachelors. The proprietor is

Horbert Bull and he certainly has a lot of boarders. We didn't believe him when he said he was going to be a bachelor.

The scene changes and we find ourselves in the Empire State Building going up to the 30 th floor. As we walk down the hall, we see the name-Thgineer's Office-with Jean Tankard's name under it. We glance in the room and see Jean hard at work planning the perfect city of America.

## SENJIORS OF 46

Seniors, students of C. C. H. today, Before you stands the threshold of oternity, The doorway to life and living. You have marched the highway of learning As you grev up into the years. Now you must trod the paths of life And bear the sorror and tears. For, for each and everyone of you There's a path behind this door. and no matter hor hard it seoms, Stick to it until the journey is done. Hore we havo gromi up togethor, Here we must now all part,
But I ask you to almays remember Tho gang you held dear to your heart.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the class of Nineteen hundred and Fortysix of Cape Charles High School, being declared of sane and healthy minds do hereby make and ordain this, our LAST WIIL AND TESTAMmPT.

ITEM I. In appreciation for administering our Last Will and Testament, we bequeath to the School Board a box of pills which they can use for all the headaches we have caused them throughout the school year.

ITEM II. To the faculty as a whole we leave our doep approciation for the patience they have given us in the yoars past, knowing as we do, that no future class can over equal ours in such matters.

ITGM III. To Mi . Lawson, we leave all the parked chewing gum in the building, with the excoption of that which is undor the tables in the library. Miss Scott might want to use it in the future for binding books.

## ITEM IV. To tho Juniors we give up our places of first renk; and tho dignity of Seniors.

ISEM V. To the Sophomores, wo loave our wisdom and high school spirit, hoping thoy will romomber the 46's abiding faith in them.

ITEM VI. To the Freshmen, with one down and three to go, wo give our pep and enthusiasm and ability to cerry on.

ITEY VII. To our understudies and succossors, we assign tho following:

JANE DICKINSON, our backbone, bestors her

5' $10^{\prime \prime}$ to PHYLLIS TAYLOR, who is always having someone talk over her head............MARY JANE APPLEBAUGH leaves her ability to hold a man to BETTY ANNE MELSON who might be able to use it -.................JESSIE WILKINS leaves her last bottle of peroxide to KITIT NOTMINGHAM Who seems to be running short........TOMAY MCGRATH, better known as "Footsie", Wills his nickname to BILLY IONG. We hopo he will havo as much luck as "Footsie" did................JEAN TANKARD leaves her place as tho most studious senior to MARIANINA NYE and CLARENCE MOORE. We fool sure both of them will share tho honor......... JOHV MERCER leaves his nickname "Lover" to SHEP AMES and SONNY WEBSTER. Both can rightfully claim the titlo.................. HERBERT BULL, the speed midget of the senior class wills his energy to AL POST who, it appears, could use a little energy................BILIY BUNDICK leaves his "love for gab" to BILIY WALL and LEO LEVIS who havo given him somo stiff compotition during the years.........TO IIAXINE HOOPER Who is probm ably getting tired of North Carolina, PAT MAUSTELLER leavos her love for Ponnaylvania. -............TOMAY LONG vestows his titlo as bollboy to BEN HARRINGTON............ TVe know BEN likes to sit still, but maybe he won't mind leaving class a bit early?............JULTAN HERNANDTZ leaves his many wise cracks to PiT ITHITEHEAD and DAVID STILTS (lot's see what they can do with thom?) ............JENNINGS TRAVIS leaves his book on CHARLIS ATLisS Course to CARROL ShDLTR, BOBBY RUDY and BILIY SHITMH. We hope it helps them just as it did TRAVIS...........MARIAN ADKINS BESTOWS ON FRANCES WHITE and MARY ELLEN SPENCER hor sense of hunor and witty ways. May the future class en joy many laughs from the class Wits...........TO BOBBY GIBBS and BOBBY THOLE, GEORGE BOVDEN leaves his technique for making the freshmen swoon. Some competition for Sinatra:.......... BSTHER HLNBY MOOD leavos a
book callod "How To Be a Successful Housewifo" to RUTH EDTFARDS and PAULINE CARPENTER Who might, from all wo henr, bo tho most oligiblo seniors for it........... BTHTY ANES leaves her place as the most artistic sonior to BARBARís SPENCTR... ......." "BOOTSIE" KDLLAM loaves hor sacrod key to the Senior Class to Doris LEE GILLIS and JOANNIE MILLS. May they have more success with it than Bootsic did............GEORGE "Slook" WILKINS bestows his quiet tinkling laugh to TOMAY SAVAGT and CALVIN BURTON who mny need it--but we doubt it.
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Senior Class Colors - Greon and White Senior Class Flower - Gardenia Motto - "Never put off until tomorrow What you can do today."


## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The Junior Class, headed by Mariana Nye, president; Tommy Savage, vice-president; Billy Long, Treasurer; and Kitty Nottingham, Secretary, has many members of which to be proud. Shepp Ames and Tommy Savage were elected by the American Legion to attend the Boys State at V. P.I. this summer. Mariana Nye won the oratorical contest and represented the county and school at the district contest at Gloucester. Also Maxine Hooper's essay came in first. During the year, Betty Anne Melson left us to attend Newport News for a while only to be welcomed back by the Juniors later in the year. The class also welcomed two new members, Ruth Edwards and Phyllis Taylor.

The Juniors are sponsoring a banquet for the Seniors to be given at the end of May. They are also joining with the Seniors and having a party the night before graduation which is to be quite an affair.

The expected ups-and-downs have been overruled by the congoniality and fun of the group as a whole. Always -on-time Post and Sadier, the troubles of that Harrington guy, and the wisecracks of the Lewis and Burton toam make the Junior male population complete. The class is exceptionally large and is one everyone in it is proud to be a member of.


## SOPHOMORE AOTIVITIES

The sophomore class started on their year in a very business like manner with the election of their officers. Thoy wore as follows:

Prosident--Andy Dickinson Vice-president--mard Bender Secretary--Margaret Ann Neville Treasurer--Garland Brown

Tho first projoct of the sophomore class was the selling of flowers and vegetable seeds. This task proved very unsuccessful due to a rushed scason.

Nuch to the regret of the class, wo have had to suspend with the annual freshmen-sophomore pienic due to the scareity of food.

We have had two home room teachers, both being very pleasant. The first was Miss sara Savage. Upon her rosignation we wore fortunate in acquiring Mr. John Noal Waddoll, a native of our community. Both teachers contributed much to our school and all of us have enjoyed working under their supervision.

The sophomore clas⿷ alono has not had any parties exclusively for thomselves, but wo did have a Halloween party and a Biology field trip which was composed chiefly of sophomores.

The sophomores are looking forvard to the coming years of their high school caroer and hope to contributo much to the "bottoring" of this school.

## FRESHMEN ACTIVITIES

The freshmen class has been divided into two groups during the past year. One group, sponsored by Mirs. Ames, was composed of all freshren taking the college preparatory course. The other group, taking the general course, was sponsored by Miss Ames.

Both groups combined to elect their class officers. They were: president, Tommy Kellam; vice-president, Harry Fred Bender; Secrotary, Sally Zhbank; Treasurer, Thurłey Travis.

Those freshmen taking the general courso had a taffy pull on Valentine's Day. They had as their guests the other freshmen group.

Many of the members of the class belong to the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts who are very active in the school and commuity. The froshmen Boy Scouts are Sonny Spencor, 27 ton Merritt, Ralph Evans, Billy Shaw, Billy Powoll, Melvin Bilich, and Herran Itz. All the freshmen girls are members of the Girl Scouts.

Two of our freshmen girls, Marjorie Callis and Dorothy Outten, are members of the Homo Economics Club.

Tho eighth grado boys had a football team composed of the following people: Ends--Billy Shaw and Roland Lewis; Right Guard--Allon Powell; Left Guard--Horman Etz; Right Tackle--Bobby Disharoon; Left Tackie--Melvin Bilich; Half-backs, Goorge Erell and Tormy Kellam; Quarter-back, Charles Powell; and Full-back, Harry Fred Bender. These boys played one gane with Eastville and won the ganc with a score of 19-6. Shav, Lewis, and Bender made touchdows, and Bwell went over for the extra point. Walter Lewis, a nember of the class, played on the main toam.

The eighth grade boys and girls hope to be quite active in school activities in the years to come.

## DIARY OF '46

Sept. 12 - School Starts (Trouble Begins)
Sept. 22 - Class Organization
Sept. 23 - Girls Hi-Y Induction
Sept. 27 - Boys Hi-Y
Sept. 24 - Honor Council
Sept. 29 - Footbell Team Victorious
Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving Football Game (wonderful gème)

Dec. 12 - Newspaper
Dec. 21 - Christmas Holiday (Hurrah)
Dec. 26 - Rings Ordered
Feb. 27 - Organization of S. C. A.
April 19 - Easter Holidays
April 24 - Debate (Tough luck!)
May 10 - Drametic Club Play
May 13 - Rings Came (how they flashed)
May 29 - Exams (Gee, they were tough)
May 30 - Benquet
June 2 - Baccaleureate
June 4 - Senior Class Play
June 5 - Junior-Senior Party (More Fun )
June 6 - Graduation (finally made it)

## POPULARITY CONESST

## 1945-46



## GIRLS HI*Y CLUB

The Girls Hi-Y Club has taken a mighty stride forward under the leadership of Jean Tankard. The Club, which has taken in fifteen new members for this year, had at its helm Jean Tankard, President; Jessie Wilkins, Vice-President; Mariana Nye, Secretary; and Joanne Mills, Treasurer.

The girls have completed many useful projects for the school and community during the past year. Among these was the purchase of a "much-needed" mirror for the girls? washroom and a clock for the library. To improve the appearance of their auditorium they spent their time washing the seats after school hours.

During the Thanksgiving holidays the Girls and Boys Hi-Y Clubs attended the Methodist Church in a body. When Christmas came a number of baskets was sent to elder people and shut-ins. The Club also sent a gift to a girl in a sanitorium.

Two parties have been given; one for the Boys Himy, and one for the senior giris of the club. Wo have onjoyed outside speakers at the meetings and plan to continue to have others

The Girls Hi-Y presented an Easter assembly program and contributed to the National HimY Projoct of "Global Strategy", which aids in relleving the misery and sufforing throughout the world

They have done thoix job and done it welly and I think they all deserve a word of praisol

## BOYS HI-Y CLUB

The Boys Hi-Y Club has had an active year. The officers were Shep Ames, president; Mike Mausteller, vice-president; George Wilkins, secretary; and Jennings Travis, treasurer.

New mernbers were inducted during the first of the year under the leadership of President Bobby Rittenhouse who later resigned to join the Navy. The vacancy created by Bobby's resignation was filled by Shep Ames who formerly was vice-president. Mike Mausteller was then appointed to become our hew vicepresident.

During the school year, the Boys Hi-Y repaired the seats in the classrooms, sponsored a Christras dance, presented a Navy Day program to the school, and gave flowers to the hospital at Christmas.

The Boys' and Girls Hi-Y Clubs attended the Thanksgiving servico together at Trinity Methodist Church.

## COMMERC IAL CLUB

At the beginning of the school year, the Commercial Club met and clected new officers as follows: Billy Bundick, president; Mike Mausteller, vice-president; Bootsie Kellam, Secretary; and Carroll Sadler, treasurer.

A school paper was published by the Commercial Club this year. Members of the club have given help in the office, thus helping themselves by gaining a better understanding of commercial work. A Bulletin board has been kept.

Tho Commercial Club did the stenographic work on the annual.

Plans for further growth will bo formulated and placed on file in the office.

## DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club entered its socond yoar in our school under the leadership of President Joanno Mills; Vice-Presidont, Jonnings Travis; Secrotary, George Wilkins; and Treasurer, Mariana Nye.

They have had a course in straight makomp Which proved quito interesting to the mombers of the club. They directod and participated in a Christmas play given for the Community League.

The club sponsored the spring play, a threeact comedy, "GEORGE GETS GOING", given May loth. It's howling success was largely due to the performance of a young gentloman representing tho weaker sex.

It is hoped by many students that the continuence of the club and its activities will be carried on next year.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The girls who seek to better their homes of the future, have banded togethor to renew their old Home Economics Club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ames. They havo olected as President, Rosa May Savago; Vice-Presidont, Jer.n Rittenhouse; Secrotary, Margaret Post; Treasurer, Sally V. George.

The girls ha ve done very well in rearranging the two rooms into a kitchen and a dining room, and heve purchased a rug for their dining room. I believe they doserve a lot of crodit for this job, because thoy had so little with which to work.

Every weok a bulletin board is prepared by a momber of the club. The First Aid Kit, which is in the Home Economics room is being supplied by these girls. They are continually working with these rooms in order to improve them and plan to mako pictures for tho malls. They have had a hot dog sale, and plans include another sale and a pieniod


## BOYS' SPORTS

The boys of our school have been much more active in sports this year than in previous years. They started the season with a loosely organized football team that showed improvement after each game. After weeks of hard practice, they played ten games, of which they won seven. The games played and scores were as follows:

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| Cape | Charles - 19 | Kampsville |
| Capo | Charlos - 13 | Salesianum ----- 31 |
| Cape | Charlos - 12 | Poquoson -------6 |
| Cape | Charles - 7 | Alexander Park - 6 |
| Cape | Charlos - 0 | Holy Trinity |
| Cape | Charles - 3\% | Northampton ---- |

We had a very successful football season and hope to have as prize a toam next year.

Next came basketball and the boys were quite good at it. They had only three games schedulad, Which wero all with Northampton. Tho Capo Charles boys mon two of the three games.

Baseball season came next and the boys developed a fairly successful team. They began the season under the leadership of Bill Sparks as coach. However, he left our town and the toam was then coachod by Harry West. The boys played five games, but thoy were unfortunate and lost almost overy gamo.

We sholl ondoavor to keop an onthusiasm and interost in sports through the years.

## GIRLS' SPORTS

The girls have not been too active in sports this year, but they have participated in some sports; softball being the foremost.

Several games with other schools were scheduled and only three were played--due to rainy weather and transportation difficulties. The first game was played et Contral High School and Cape Charles lost. The second game, with Eastville, wes mon by Cape Charles. Accomac High School girls came to Cape Cherles and played and defeated us. In spite of their defeat s the girls enjoyed compoting with other schools and they gained by learning and precticing good sportsmanship.

On warm sunshiny days the high school girls practiced calisthentios thet helped to make them stronger physically.

Basketball proved to be interesting to the girls and some of thom enjoyed playing. No games were pleyed with othor schools however.

Much appreciation goes to Jessie Wilkins who was the manager of the softball team. To Bootsie Kellom and Jano Dickinson wo are grateful for their loadership as captains. Their enthusiasm and sportsmanship helped us to keep our interest.

We sincercly hope that the high school girls of America continue to participate in sports whioh help to make for healthy, clean living.




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